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11. (SBU) As discussed Ref A, the European Commission designated Abdul Haq (Ref B) on April 25. Furthermore, the EU is progressing in revising the law implementing UNSCR 1267 Al Qaida and Taliban sanctions EU-wide (Ref C). Contacts indicate that some EU Member States may be favoring an overhaul of the Commission proposal to bring the UN 1267 designations procedure under the umbrella of the EU's autonomous terrorism designations procedure known as "Common Position 931 Working Group" (FKA "Clearinghouse," and comparable to the UNSCR 1373 domestic designations track). A final decision may not be reached before the fall or winter. EU capitals are still studying the implications of the proposed legislative changes, which would institutionalize the procedural reforms taken following the September 2008 EU court annulment of the Kadi and Al Barakaat designations.

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